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SUBJECT: ENERGY: FINAL MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP OF THE
OIL COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES AND
DEMAND RESTRAINT, MAY 27, 1974

1. AT MAY 27 MEETING, ENERGY CONSERVATION AD HOC GROUP
AGREED ON REPORT TO BE FORWARDED FOR ACTION AT JUNE 11
MEETING OF OIL COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDATIONS, SUMMARY OF
WHICH SET OUT BELOW, INCLUDE ALL MAJOR U.S. SUGGESTIONS.
COPY OF FINAL ENGLISH TEXT WILL BE HAND CARRIED TO
DEPARTMENT (TARRANT) BY END OF WEEK.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN BY OECD MEMBER NATIONS
TO NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND DEMAND
RESTRAINT MEASURES AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH
RESPECT THERETO.

B. SUCH COOPERATION WOULD BE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN
A REDUCTION IN THAT WORLDWIDE GROWTH OF ENERGY
CONSUMPTION WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE OBTAINED.

C. OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES SHOULD DEVELOP AND
EXCHANGE AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE, HOPEFULLY BY THE END
OF 1974, NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND
RESTRAINT GOALS AT THE LEVEL OF THOSE HAVING CHARGE OF
NATIONAL POLICIES IN THIS RESPECT.

D. INTERESTED OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES SHOULD
UNDERTAKE:

(1) AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF NATIONAL ENERGY
CONSERVATION GOALS AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS.

(2) A CONTINUING EXCHANGE ON EMERGENCY DEMAND
RESTRAINT MEASURES, IDENTIFYING THOSE MEASURES WHICH
COULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN PARALLEL IN AN EMERGENCY
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SITUATION. (THE REPORT NOTES THAT SUCH DEMAND
RESTRAINT EFFORTS "MIGHT BE A CONSIDERATION UNDERLYING
AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL APPORTIONMENT OF OIL
SUPPLIES IN AN EMERGENCY.")

(3) DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA FOR MEASURING
RELATIVE PROGRESS IN NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION
PROGRAMS AND RELATIVE EFFORTS AND SACRIFICES INVOLVED
IN DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES.

(4) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT DATA AND INFORMATION COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION SYSTEM.

(5) POLICY DIRECTION TO ACCELERATE TECHNICAL EXCHANGES AND JOINT PROJECTS VIS-A-VIS ENERGY CONSERVATION.

(6) ARRANGEMENT FOR PRIVATE SECTOR AND INDUSTRIAL ADVICE.

E. A MECHANISM SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE TASKS. THE MECHANISM WOULD CONSIST OF A GOVERNMENTAL POLICY GROUP, AN ADVISORY GROUP WITH PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATION, AND INITIALLY TWO AD HOC EXPERT GROUPS.

(1) THE POLICY GROUP WOULD BE COMPOSED OF "OFFICIALS HAVING CHARGE OF ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES," UNDERTAKE THE INITIAL EXCHANGE REFERRED TO IN SUB-PARA C ABOVE, AND PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS SET OUT IN SUB-PARAS D(1), (2) AND (5) ABOVE. ITS OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO IDENTIFY THE BEST AVAILABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES.

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(2) THE PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISORY GROUP WOULD PROVIDE PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERTISE TO THE GOVERNMENTAL POLICY GROUP AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAYS TO MINIMIZE CONSTRAINTS TO COOPERATION.

(3) THE INITIAL AD HOC EXPERT GROUPS WOULD:

(A) DEVELOP A METHODOLOGY (INCLUDING CRITERIA) FOR REPORTING AND MEASURING RELATIVE PROGRESS, EFFORTS AND SACRIFICE IN RELATION TO ACHIEVING ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT GOALS. THIS WORK WOULD INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY REFERENCE SYSTEM. WORK OF THIS GROUP SHOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY BY THE FALL OF 1974.

(B) DEVELOP A FORMAT FOR NATIONAL ENERGY DEMAND ACCOUNTINGS (AUDITS) TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ON A COMPARABLE BASIS. (BASED ON SUCH A FORMAT, AN ENERGY DEMAND INFORMATION AND DATA BANK SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN OECD WITH INITIAL INPUTS BEING PROVIDED HOPEFULLY BY THE END OF THE YEAR.)

3. USDEL COMMENT: INITIAL NATIONAL RESPONSES TO

QUESTIONNAIRE PREPARED BY GROUP WERE PRELIMINARY AND INFORMATION PROVIDED IN WAYS THAT DID NOT PERMIT QUANTITATIVE COMPARISONS. IF ENERGY CONSERVATION COOPERATION IS TO BE EFFECTIVE, RECOMMENDED EXPERT AND POLICY GROUPS NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED ON PRIORITY BASIS, HOPEFULLY IN FORMER CASE TO BEGIN TECHNICAL WORK, WHICH WILL BE BASIS FOR ANY FUTURE POLICY COOPERATION, BEFORE EUROPEAN SUMMER VACATION. THIS MEANS THAT MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING DETAILED WORK PROGRAM RECOMMENDED IN REPORT INVOLVE ORGANIZATION. (CONCERN OVER FUTURE ORGANIZATION SHARED BY OTHER DELS AND JAPANESE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED NEED TO STRENGTHEN SUBSTANTIALLY OECD ENERGY ORGANIZATION.) IT WILL OBVIOUSLY THEREFORE BE IMPORTANT IN US TO FOCUS ON THIS QUESTION PRIOR TO JUNE OIL COMMITTEE AND ECG MEETINGS.
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